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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Showers

SUBJECT : Possible Examples for CIRIS Briefing to ASD(I)

1. The following are possible topics for the briefing for Dr. Hall this week. I have listed the name or names of people who have materials on the subjects or can tell you about them.

(a) Use of CIRIS-71 in CDIP Review for Substantive Impact Statements

[redacted] all used CIRIS-71 data.

(b) DIACO Collection Planning

(c) Relating DCID 1/2 Objectives to CIRIS Subject Targets

General Thomas.

[redacted] in connection with preparation of Annex A, JSOP

(d) Identification of ELINT and Electronic Warfare Data

[redacted] NSA, in response to DIRNSA request to [redacted] to prepare materials identifying entities, resources and targets. This may be just one part of a larger NSA effort to campaign for a Consolidated ELINT Program.

(e) Analysis of Production Function

[redacted] in response to assignment from last NSCIC meeting. He is using CIRIS almost exclusively as source.

(f) Improvements in CCPC "Facilities Inventory"

[redacted] General Taylor. The last CCPC minutes state that the chairman intends to make CIRIS usable to maintain CCPC inventory, and says this will take about a year as it is necessary to amalgamate the present mechanism with CIRIS and revise latter somewhat.

(g) NSSM on Thailand - CIRIS made some inputs.

(h) CCPC Cuba Study - TOD/CIRIS kicked it off originally.

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(i) Belt Methodology Development

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CIRIS inputs are critical; can't do this study without CIRIS. However, you commented that Dr. Hall was not impressed with [] work.

(j) CIRIS Inputs to Congressional Presentations

Last year, this was highly aggregated community statistics.

This year, in addition to foregoing, it appears that []

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[] will make some use of community-data related to intelligence functions.

(k) Materials for General Bennett

See [] I don't know the purpose and use of these materials, but DIA made quite an effort and so did we to support them. It may have been back-up for Congressional presentation. [] was the immediate customer, and [] helped.

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(l) Planning Assumptions

I understand that [] is going to be responsible for developing a document for community-wide issuance later this year. It is possible that selected targeted information may be one input or provide a frame of reference in preparation even if not used in final product as disseminated.

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(m) DCI/NIPE/Comptroller Work

[] shop is only beginning to operate and they don't have a focus on their ultimate needs. However, focussing only on fiscal data (not targeted), it is clear that they must operate initially with FYDP data. The software developed by CIRIS makes possible fast manipulation of data, aggregating PEs to Programs, display of differences between years, etc. In my opinion, it is fair to call this manipulation capability a CIRIS development, because without CIRIS it certainly would not exist -- I know because I personally spent 80-100 hours last spring on the FYDP with an adding machine! Never again!

(n) [] Work in Developing Modeling Techniques

This spring and summer, [] wants to develop rationales for aggregating and spreading resources, using computers for mathematics and outputs; the input data from which he has to start is selected CIRIS information related to functions, sensors, and targets. This is all in the future. It cannot get off the ground until OCS makes available additional computer programmers. However, a basic assumption is that there will be CIRIS-72 data to start with.

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(o) Thomas Planning Paper

General Thomas wrote this about a year ago. It was at the very beginning of the DCID 1/2 effort, and my recollection is that the existence of this paper made it possible to decide that there should be a 1/2 exercise. Considerable use was made of CIRIS statistics.

See Dusty and General Thomas.

(p) Spot Uses - Answers to Spot Questions for Command Element

25X1 [] can dig out a number of cases. The most immediate one I recall is response to a General Cushman request for information on resources targeted against BW/CW.

(q) Standard Community Statistics - For the Future

One of the reasons - the main reason - I haven't done more in the way of developing and promulgating standard statistics has been because of the reluctance of the front office here to release data unless specifically requested. This is part of the problem referred to in "point 4" of your recent memo to [] and Tweedy.

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I think we should make a pitch as to the necessity of charging the DCI's CIRIS Staff with assembling certain overview statistics, quite highly aggregated, but going beyond the kind of detail that can be obtained by merely aggregating the FYDP and budget documents. This gets us a ways into functional and target displays, and probably sensor highlights also.

The risk here is that someone (such as DIRNSA or another Program Manager or a senior CIA official) may feel uneasy about these statistics serving as a basis for invidious comparisons. We have to do some careful thinking as to how to avoid this, and at the same time present displays that are interesting and have some meaning in characterizing the totality of the community.

I would like to get agreement at the highest necessary levels that certain aggregations of statistics could be prepared and disseminated without further clearance. A second category of statistics would require prior specific approval -- but whose?

This gets us into the question as to the "custody" of CIRIS. John Bross chose that ambiguous word and assigned custody to NIRB. Now, with NIRB gone and IRAC not yet a reality, does IRAC take over? Or is this the DCI's? Or whose? I don't know that this subject should be raised in the Hall briefing, but you and I need to consider it.

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